

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: MASS LITIGATION PANEL MEMBERS

Pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, shall appoint seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges to serve on the Mass Litigation Panel (“Panel”). “Each appointment is for a term of three (3) years, with two (2) judges to be appointed each year; provided, however, that beginning in 2009 and in every third year thereafter, three (3) judges shall be appointed. There is no prohibition against serving successive terms.” *Id.* Further, “[t]he Chief Justice shall annually designate a Panel member to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and to report to the Supreme Court of Appeals.” *Id.*

WHEREAS, the Honorable Alan D. Moats, Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit and Chair of the Panel, has advised the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals that he is retiring as a circuit judge effective December 31, 2022. His term on the Panel is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023. On October 3, 2022, Judge Moats was approved by the Court for admission to Senior Status upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, Judge Moats has further advised the Chief Justice that he would like to continue serving on the Panel and as Chair of the Panel following his retirement.

WHEREAS, the Court has approved for Judge Moats to continue serving on the Panel and as Chair of the Panel as a senior status judge effective January 1, 2023, until his term expires on June 30, 2023.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ACKNOWLEDGED, that the current Panel members and the expiration dates of their terms shall be as follows effective January 1, 2023:

<b>The Honorable Alan D. Moats (Chair)</b> Senior Status Judge	June 30, 2023
<b>The Honorable Christopher J. McCarthy</b> Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2023
<b>The Honorable Jay M. Hoke</b> Judge of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2024
<b>The Honorable Jack Alsop</b> Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2024
<b>The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr.</b> Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2024
<b>The Honorable Derek C. Swope</b> Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025
<b>The Honorable Joanna I. Tabit</b> Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025

ENTERED: DECEMBER 30, 2022

  
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JOHN A. HUTCHISON  
Chief Justice